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July 25, 2011

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mike", is placed next to the name "Michael P. Flanagan".

SUBJECT: Approval of Nominations to the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)

On April 12, 2011, the State Board of Education approved two new seats on the SEAC. Nominations for representatives from the Michigan Alliance for Families and the Association for Children's Mental Health have been received.

The Michigan Association of School Boards has nominated Frank Liberati to serve as an alternate on the SEAC.

Ann Sexton Telfer was nominated by John Austin to fill the at-large seat vacated by Laura LaMore.

The Michigan Association of School Administrators has nominated John Searles for a one year term to replace Curtis Finch.

The Institutions of Higher Education Advisory Committee has submitted a nomination for Kristal Ehrhardt to replace Mark Larson.

Attachment A contains a list of organizations represented on the SEAC.  
Attachment B lists current nominations being considered for approval.  
Attachment C contains biographical resumes for the current nominees.

It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the nominees listed in Attachment B of the Superintendent's memorandum of July 25, 2011 to serve on the Special Education Advisory Committee for the respective terms specified.

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**ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTED ON THE  
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Acronym</u>
1. American Federation of Teachers Michigan	AFTMi
2. The Arc Michigan	Arc
3. Autism Society of Michigan	ASM
4. Council for Exceptional Children	CEC
5. Learning Disability Association of Michigan	LDAM
6. Association for Children's Mental Health	ACMH
7. Michigan Alliance for Families	MAF
8. Michigan Association for Children with Emotional Disorders	MACED
9. Michigan Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development	MASCD
10. Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education	MAASE
11. Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators	MAISA
12. Michigan Association of Intermediate Special Ed. Administrators	MAISEA
13. Michigan Association of Local Special Education Administrators	MALSEA
14. Michigan Association of Teachers of Children with Emotional Impairments	MATCEI
15. Michigan Association of Nonpublic Schools	MANS
16. Michigan Association of Public School Academies	MAPSA
17. Michigan Association of School Administrators	MASA
18. Michigan Association of School Boards	MASB
19. Michigan Association of School Social Workers	MASSW
20. Michigan Association of School Psychologists	MASP
21. Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals	MASSP
22. Michigan Education Association	MEA
23. Michigan Speech-Language-Hearing Association	MSLHA
24. Michigan Transition Services Association	MTSA
25. Statewide Parent Advisory Committee	SPAC

In addition to the organizational seats, eight at-large members are nominated directly by the State Board of Education. Presently, there is one at-large vacancy to be filled.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Individual Nominations to Fill Vacancies and  
their Respective Terms of Service  
(8/2011)**

Name	Representing	Length of Term
Kristal Ehrhardt	Institutions of Higher Education	July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2014
Terri Henrizi*^	Association for Children's Mental Health	July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2014
Frank Liberati*^	Michigan Association of School Boards	July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2013
Michelle Miller*	Michigan Alliance for Families	July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2014
Maggie Kolk* ^	Michigan Alliance for Families	July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2014
Malisa Pearson*	Association for Children's Mental Health	July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2014
John Searles	Michigan Association of School Administrators	July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012
Ann Sexton Telfer	At-Large	July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2014

\*Person with a disability or parent of a child (birth through 26) with a disability

^Alternate

**Biographical Resume: Special Education Advisory Committee  
Michigan State Board of Education**

**Ex-Officio Term of Appointment:** July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2014

Name: Kristal Ehrhardt	
Business Address: Western Michigan University Department of Special Education & Literacy Studies Kalamazoo, Michigan 49008-5258	Summer Address: 14959 M-89 Augusta, Michigan 49012
Business Telephone: 269-387-4478	Cell Phone: 269-967-3281
Business E-mail: Kristal.ehrhardt@wmich.edu	Home E-mail: kristalehrhardt@gmail.com
Present Position: Professor & Unit Coordination, Special Education Program, WMU	
Category <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organization: Institutions of Higher Education Advisory Committee <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Board Member's Nominee (indicate name of Board Member):	
Race:* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caucasian      Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> African-American <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Other (*requested in order to obtain diverse representation)	
Prior Experience: Professor of Special Education since 2003 at WMU; Professor of School Psychology at WMU (1995-2003); School Psychologist in the Cincinnati area for 5 years before coming to WMU.	
Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations: I have served on state committees in Ohio, complete NASP program reviews, served on editorial boards, written a number of chapters or articles on topics pertaining to special education and served as a PI on three federally funded US Department of Education grants	
Education: Ph.D., School Psychology specializing in Early Childhood Intervention, University of Cincinnati; MEd, School Psychology; AB Sociology, minor Political Science, Miami University	
Miscellaneous Information: Expertise in RTI and data-based decision making, as well as early literacy and early intervention.	
Federal legislation mandates that the SEAC membership be comprised of at least 51% of "persons with or parents of a child with a disability." If a parent, the child needs to be under 26 years of age and receiving special education services for the duration of the appointment. To ensure compliance relative to the 51% membership, we ask you to identify if you meet that definition. <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes      <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No         </div>	

**Biographical Resume: Special Education Advisory Committee  
Michigan State Board of Education**

**Alternate Term of Appointment:** July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2014

Name: Terri Henrizi	
Business Address: 6017 W. St. Joe Highway, Suite 200 Lansing, Michigan 48917	Summer Address:
Business Telephone: 517-372-4016	Cell Phone: 517-230-8891
Business E-mail: acmhterri@sbcglobal.net	Home E-mail:
Present Position: Education Coordinator	
Category <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organization: Association for Children's Mental Health <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Board Member's Nominee (indicate name of Board Member):	
Race:* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caucasian <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> African-American <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Other (*requested in order to obtain diverse representation)	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female
Prior Experience: I have served on many boards, committees and workgroups including 20 years of experience working as a special educator in the mental health field.	
Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations: Member, Advisory Board, Foster Care Review Board, Michigan Alliance for Families, Family to Family Health Information and Education Advisory. Vice President, Chair, Michigan Alliance IDEA Partnership Summit.	
Education: Associates Degree in Psychology, Education, Lansing Community College; 204 credits toward Degree in Special Education, Central Michigan University	
Miscellaneous Information:	
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**Alternate Term of Appointment:** July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2013

Name: Frank Liberati	
Business Address: 7607 Allen Road Allen Park, Michigan 48101	Summer Address: 9068 Quandt Allen Park, Michigan 48101
Business Telephone: 313-928-8000	Home Telephone: 313-381-2834
Business E-mail: liberatisdeli@aol.com	Home E-mail: FLiberati@aol.com
Present Position: Owner, Liberati's Italian Deli & Bakery President, Allen Park Public School Board of Education	
Category <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organization: Michigan Association of School Boards <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Board Member's Nominee (indicate name of Board Member):	
Race:* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caucasian <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> African-American <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Other (*requested in order to obtain diverse representation)	Gender: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Prior Experience: Various advisory committees and other advocate/support groups	
Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations: Allen Park Board President, 2006-Present; Fragile X Association of Michigan, Board of Directors	
Education: BA, Marketing, Michigan State University	
Miscellaneous Information: Son has severe cognitive disability.	
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**Delegate Term of Appointment:** July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2014

Name: Michelle Miller	
Business Address: 9548 West L. Avenue Kalamazoo, Michigan 49009	Summer Address:
Business Telephone:	Cell Phone: 269-532-6546
Business E-mail: michelle@michiganallianceforfamilies.org	Home E-mail:
Present Position: Region 2 Director, PTI	
Category <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organization: Michigan Alliance for Families <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Board Member's Nominee (indicate name of Board Member):	
Race:* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caucasian                      Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> African-American <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Other (*requested in order to obtain diverse representation)	
Prior Experience: Business owner; Parent to Parent	
Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations: LICC, Community Mental Health Family Support Advisory Council	
Education: BS, Communications	
Miscellaneous Information:	
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**Alternate Term of Appointment:** July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2014

Name: Maggie Kolk	
Business Address: 629 Michigan Street, N.E., Suite D Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503	Summer Address: 6546 W. 72 <sup>nd</sup> Street, Fremont, Michigan 49412
Business Telephone: 616-459-3339	Cell Phone: 616-780-5753
Business E-mail: Maggie@arckent.org	Home E-mail: Kolk.Maggie59@gmail.com
Present Position: Advocate	
Category <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organization: Michigan Alliance for Families <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Board Member's Nominee (indicate name of Board Member):	
Race:* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caucasian <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> African-American <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Other (*requested in order to obtain diverse representation)	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female
Prior Experience: Has served as SEAC delegate for the Arc Michigan and continued to attend meetings as a guest.	
Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations: National Professional Women's Association; Michigan Conference of Executives, Arc Michigan; National Conference of Executives, Arc U.S.; Fraternal Order of Police; President, The Arc/Newaygo County.	
Education: BS, Political Science; Advocate for Children with disabilities; attended numerous trainings, for local, state and national organizations on individuals with disabilities.	
Miscellaneous Information: Parent of four children. 22 year old daughter is receiving services through Fremont Public Schools. She has Down Syndrome and epilepsy.	
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**Delegate Term of Appointment:** July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2014

Name: Malisa Pearson	
Business Address: 6017 W. St. Joe Highway, Suite 200 Lansing, Michigan 48917	Summer Address:
Business Telephone: 517-372-4016	Cell Phone: 517-281-7036
Business E-mail: acmhmalisa@aol.com	Home E-mail:
Present Position: Executive Director	
Category <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organization: <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Board Member's Nominee (indicate name of Board Member):	
Race:* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caucasian      Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> African-American <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Other (*requested in order to obtain diverse representation)	
Prior Experience: Served on numerous coalitions, committees and councils for over ten years.	
Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations: Partners for Parity, MACMHB, ACMI	
Education: High school; Community College, Leadership and change management education	
Miscellaneous Information: Parent of child with disability	
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**Delegate Term of Appointment:** July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012

Name: John Searles	
Business Address: Midland County Educational Service Agency 3917 Jefferson Avenue Midland, Michigan 48640-3599	Summer Address:
Business Telephone: 989-631-5892	Cell Phone: 989-798-0291
Business E-mail: suptsearles@mcesa.k12.mi.us	Home E-mail: suptsearles@gmail.com
Present Position: Superintendent	
Category <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organization: Michigan Association of School Administrators <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Board Member's Nominee (indicate name of Board Member):	
Race:* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caucasian <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> African-American <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Other (*requested in order to obtain diverse representation)	Gender: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Prior Experience: Teacher of English and Spanish, grades 7-12, Kentwood Public Schools; Central Office Administrator; Kentwood Public Schools; Superintendent, Merrill Community Schools.	
Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations: Michigan Association of School Administrators; Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators	
Education: BA, Aquinas College; MA, Western Michigan University; Ph.D., Michigan State University	
Miscellaneous Information:	
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**At-Large Term of Appointment:** July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2014

Name: Ann Sexton Telfer	
Business Address:	Summer Address: 682 Boston Court Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103
Business Telephone:	Cell Phone: 734-369-3847
Business E-mail:	Home E-mail: atelfer@umich.edu
Present Position: MSW Candidate, University of Michigan, 2011	
Category <input type="checkbox"/> Organization: <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Board Member's Nominee: John Austin (indicate name of Board Member):	
Race:* <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caucasian                      Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> African-American <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Other (*requested in order to obtain diverse representation)	
Prior Experience: Parent of child with Autism Spectrum Disorder; Co-founder of Ann Arbor Parent Advisory Committee for Special Education, Community Relations Manager, UM Center for the Development of Language and Literacy	
Educational and Other Organizational Affiliations: Ann Arbor Autism Foundation President; EMU Autism Collaborative Center Development Committee	
Education: MA, Dance, Ohio State University; BFA, Fine Arts, University of Michigan	
Miscellaneous Information: 18 year old son is graduating with a diploma and has been accepted into four colleges.	
Federal legislation mandates that the SEAC membership be comprised of at least 51% of "persons with or parents of a child with a disability." If a parent, the child needs to be under 26 years of age and receiving special education services for the duration of the appointment. To ensure compliance relative to the 51% membership, we ask you to identify if you meet that definition. <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes                      <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No         </div>	